

AL-V-A-059
Barn - Bruce Farm
Rt. 36, Morrantown
ca. 1820

The Bruce Farm Barn is a large one and a half story frame building that has been covered with weatherboarding and rests on a high coursed rubble foundation. The barn is believed to be part of the original farm built and developed by Andrew Bruce, county commissioner and circuit court judge for Allegany County during the 18th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Barn - Bruce Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 36

CITY, TOWN

Morrantown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lloyd Davis

Telephone #: 777-8399

STREET & NUMBER

426 Green Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 465

Folio #: 217

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bruce Farm Barn is located on Rt. 36 in Morrantown near Mt. Savage in Allegany County.

The Bruce Farm Barn is a large, one and a half story frame building that has been covered with weatherboarding. The barn rests on a high coursed rubble foundation. Several small six light windows with pegged, wooden frames are located in the foundation. A wide overhang supported by plain posts is located on the northeast facade. The roof is gabled with a wide soffit and has been covered with asphalt roofing material.

The building is in poor codition but retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

ca. 1810

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bruce Farm barn is believed to be part of the original farm which was built and developed by Andrew Bruce. Andrew moved to the Cumberland area after the Revolution and bought a tract of land called Mount Pleasant from his brother Normand. ¹ The tract included six military lots comprising 1,191 acres. ² Upon this tract Bruce built a large and handsom stone mansion which included twenty five rooms. ³ Numerous tennant houses and outbuildings were built upon the property; among them was the large Bruce Farm barn, "The Bruces were connected with important families in eastern Maryland; Normand Bruce's wife was the aunt of Francis Scott Key" ⁴ Andrew Bruce became one of the most influential citizens of the Cumberland area. Andrew was appointed one of five commissioners in 1781, served as the first circuit court judge in Cumberland between 1793 and 1838, and also served as a member of the Maryland General Assembly. ⁵

Andrew Bruce was typical of the wealthy new breed that came to the area in the 1780's. He had the characteristics of ambition, vision, aggressiveness and of course the money to invest which caused the Cumberland region to grow rapidly. ⁶

1. Harry Stegmaier Jr., Allegheny County-A History (Parsons, West Va.: McClain Printing Company, 1976) p.p. 73-74
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 153.69

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

5/23/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-A-059

DATE: 5/23/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

465/217
153.69 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Barn - Bruce Farm

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36, Morrantown

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Northeast

NAME OF OWNER: Lloyd Davis 777-8399

ADDRESS: 426 Greene Street

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Quoins on foundation

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Northeast
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Barn
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/agriculture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1820 ca.
CONDITION: Fair

I N T E R I O R

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____

LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal

MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

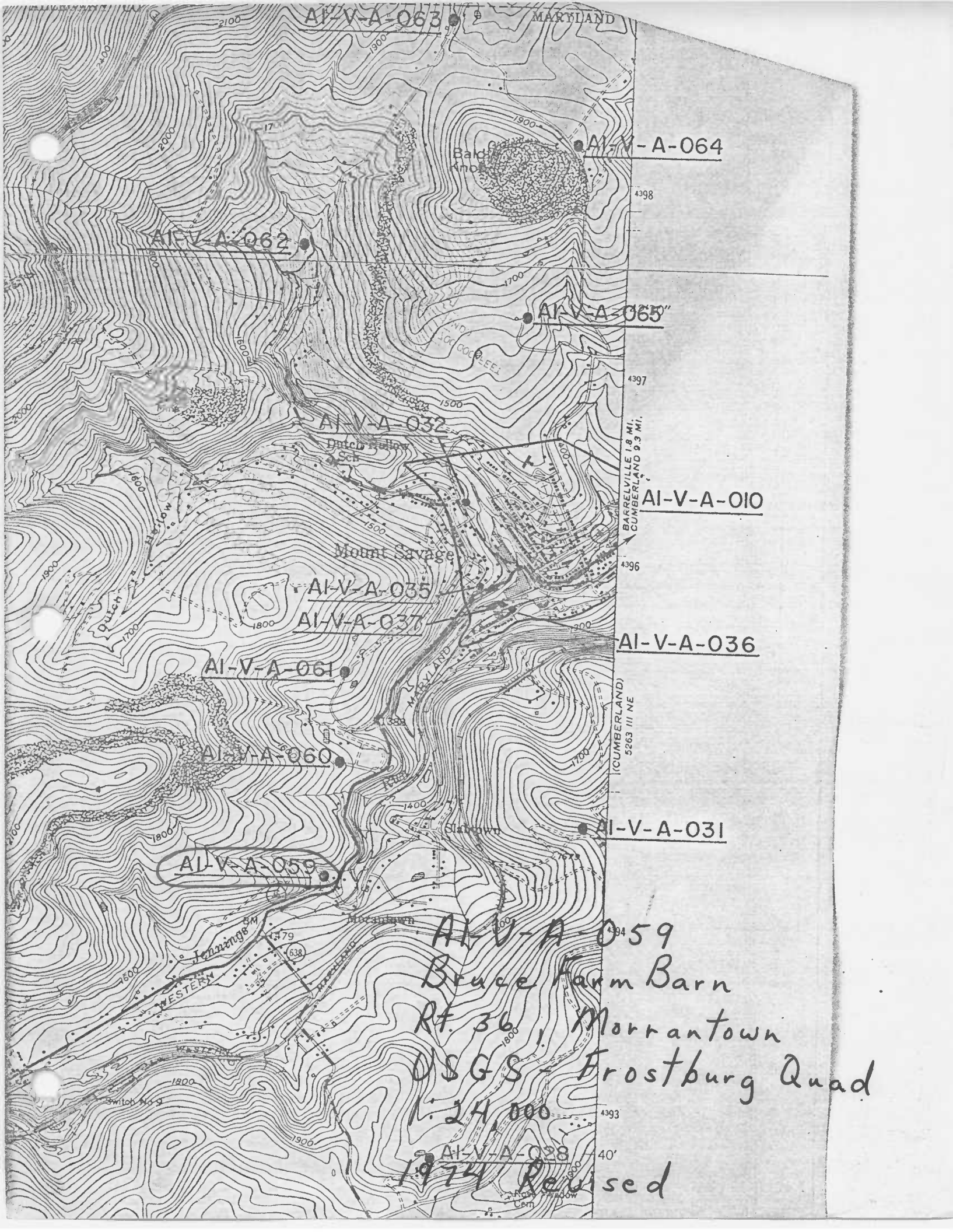
DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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Bruce Farm Barn

Rt. 36, Morantown

USGS - Frostburg Quad

1:24,000

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1974 Revised



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Davis Barn / Bruce Farm

Rt. 36, Mortantown

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John E. Nizisch

North



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DAVIS Barn / BRUCE Farm

Rt. 36, Mottantown

5/23/77

John E. NELSON

near NW 28E